

In Recognition of Jim Nabors

WHEREAS, Jim Nabors was born June 12, 1930, in Sylacauga, Alabama, and graduated from the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nabors was discovered by Andy Griffith and began his acting career as the character Gomer Pyle on "The Andy Griffith Show" until his character became so popular that he was given his own show, "Gomer Pyle, USMC"; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nabors has enjoyed a lifelong singing career, lending his rich baritone voice to 46 albums, including three certified Gold and one Platinum by the Recording Industry Association of America, and has acted in more than 300 films and television episodes; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nabors is well known for singing "Back Home Again in Indiana" to open the Indianapolis 500, performing in person since 1972, giving his farewell rendition at the 2014 race to cap a record 35 performances over 42 years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nabors launched a show, "The Jim Nabors Polynesian Extravaganza," at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in 1976, which ran for two years; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nabors starred in the Burton White-produced "A Merry Christmas with Friends and Nabors," at the Hawai'i Theatre Center from 1997 to 2006, featuring local and national artists, which ran for 40 performances; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nabors was honored on January 19, 2007, at "A Night of American Heroes," a dinner benefit for the Battleship Missouri Memorial at Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nabors was honored as a "Fellow of the Pacific" for his "outstanding leadership, service, and dedication to the community" by Hawai'i Pacific University in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Jim Nabors is an entertainer of international renown who has made Hawai'i his home for more than 48 years, combining humor, charm, and considerable acting and singing talent to become one of America's beloved personalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June 12, 2014, as

"JIM NABORS DAY"

in Hawai'i, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in honoring and celebrating the work of an outstanding actor, singer, and performer on the occasion of his 84th birthday.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this second day of June 2014.

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Governor, State of Hawai'i

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